

Claims

1. A dispenser for cup-shaped articles, said dispenser comprising:
 - a body defining a storage region adapted for receiving for an associated stack of cup-shaped articles;
 - a mounting collar connected to said body, said mounting collar including a flange projecting outwardly therefrom;
 - a resilient diaphragm located adjacent an open end of said storage region of said body, said diaphragm restricting said open end for controlled dispensing of associated cup-shaped articles from within said storage region; and,
 - a clamp-member that secures said diaphragm adjacent said open end of said storage region of said body, said clamp-member engaged with said mounting collar with a snap-fit.
2. The dispenser as set forth in claim 1, wherein said flange of said mounting collar comprises at least one stud projecting outwardly therefrom, and wherein said clamp-member includes at least one notch that receives said at least one stud to provide said snap-fit engagement between said clamp member and said mounting collar.
3. The dispenser as set forth in claim 2, wherein said at least one stud comprises a plurality of studs, and wherein said at least one notch comprises a plurality of notches, and wherein each of said plurality of studs is received in one of said notches with a snap-fit when said clamp-member is engaged with said mounting collar.
4. The dispenser as set forth in claim 3, wherein each of said plurality of studs is defined as a one-piece construction with said flange of said mounting collar.

5. The dispenser as set forth in claim 4, wherein said mounting collar, said flange, and said plurality of mounting studs are all defined together as a one-piece molded polymeric construction.

6. The dispenser as set forth in claim 3, wherein each of said plurality of studs comprises a button-like member secured to said flange.

7. The dispenser as set forth in claim 6, wherein said button-like member of each of said studs is secured to said flange of said mounting collar by a fastener.

8. The dispenser as set forth in claim 1, wherein said body defines a plurality of bosses, and wherein said mounting collar comprises a plurality of recesses into which said bosses are respectively received to provide a releasably connection between said mounting collar and said body.

9. The dispenser as set forth in claim 1, wherein said mounting collar comprises a tubular projection including an outermost edge, and wherein said diaphragm is mounted to said outermost edge of said tubular projection.

10. The dispenser as set forth in claim 9, wherein said outermost edge of said tubular projection comprises a radially enlarged bite tooth extending at least partially therearound.

11. The dispenser as set forth in claim 1, wherein said open end of said storage region of said body extends through said mounting collar, and wherein said diaphragm is placed in covering relation over said open end.

12. The dispenser as set forth in claim 3, wherein said clamp-member further comprises indicia to indicate a location of at least one of said plurality of notches.

13. A dispenser for cup-shaped articles comprising:

a body defining a storage region for receiving an associated stack of cup-shaped articles, said body comprising an open end that communicates with said storage region;

a resilient diaphragm that restricts said open end of said body;

a clamp member releasably secured adjacent said open end of said body and retaining said diaphragm relative to said open end of said body;

a mounting flange that projects outwardly away from said body, wherein said clamp member and mounting flange comprising mating structures that releasably secure said clamp member to said mounting flange.

14. The dispenser for cup-shaped articles as set forth in claim 13, wherein said mounting flange is part of a mounting collar that is releasably connected to said body.

15. The dispenser for cup-shaped articles as set forth in claim 13, wherein said mating structures comprise at least one stud projecting from said flange and at least one notch defined by said clamp member for receiving said at least one stud.

16. The dispenser for cup-shaped articles as set forth in claim 15, wherein said clamp member comprises an annular ring structure including a plurality of notches and wherein said flange comprises a plurality of studs projecting outwardly therefrom, wherein each of said studs is received in one of said notches to retain said clamp member to said flange.

17. A dispenser for cup-shaped articles, said dispenser comprising:
a body defining a storage region adapted for receiving for an associated stack of cup-shaped articles;
a mounting collar connected to said body, said mounting collar including a flange projecting outwardly therefrom;
a resilient diaphragm located adjacent an open end of said storage region of said body, said diaphragm restricting said open end for controlled dispensing of associated cup-shaped articles from within said storage region; and,
a clamp-ring member that secures said diaphragm adjacent said open end of said storage region of said body, wherein said clamp-ring member and said flange of said mounting collar are secured to each other via engagement of at least one structure of said flange with a mating structure of said clamp-ring member.